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1. WHO REPORT ON SUBJECT ISSUES MAR 5 AND DISCUSSED AT UN BRIEFING BY DR. THOMAS LAMBO, OF NIGERIA, DEPUTY DIRECTORY GENERAL OF WHO, DESCRIBING REPORT AS WELL-RESEARCHED AND OBJECTIVE, LAMBO SAID THAT IT FOUND INFANT MORTALITY AMONG NONWHITES IN SOUTH AFRICA TO BE HIGHER THAN FOR WHITE, LIFE EXPANTANCY LOWER. MOST IMPORTANT CONCLUSION IN REPORT, ACCORDING TO LAMBO IS THAT WHEN "FREEDOM" IS DENIED IT HAS BEEN PROVEN CLINICALLY THAT FRUSTRATION AND AGRESSION RESULT -- PEOPLE BECOME PASSIVE AND THERE CAN BE COMPLETE ATROPHY OF HUMAN CREATIVITY: KEY ISSUE THEREFORE, IS LONG TERM MENTAL HEALTH OF SOUTH AFRICAN POPULATION. ADMITTEDLY HE ADDED, SUBJECT NEEDS GREATER STUDY.

2. REPORT ALSO OBSERVES THAT RATIOS OF MEDICAL SERVICES AVAILABLE TO WHITES AND NON-WHITES IN SOUTH AFRICA DIFFER MARKEDLY AT ALL LEVELS: DOCTORS, NURSES, HOSPITALS, ETC. MISSION POUCHING COPY OF REPORT AND TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE
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